

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H.3115**

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TO:	The Honorable Leon Howard, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Residential Care Facilities		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3115 amends Section 44-7-350 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding the statement that the Department of Health & Environmental Control must not order the removal of a resident from a community residential care facility if the resident, resident's family, resident's physician and the facility agree to the resident's continued stay, and the facility is capable of providing, obtaining or arranging for the necessary services for the patient.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Health & Environmental Control

The Department reports that an additional 0.50 FTE would be needed (once the Department makes an initial determination that a patient should be moved) to investigate all such disputes, re-evaluate the conditions of the patient and the facility, and coordinate the activities among all parties mentioned in the Bill. This cost is estimated at \$21,468 annually including \$19,968 for salaries and fringes and \$1,500 in travel expenses.

Other Agencies

Both the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs and the Department of Mental Health indicate that this Bill would have no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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